

# $P$ -FERRER DIAGRAM, $P$ -LINEAR IDEALS AND ARITHMETICAL RANK

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## Abstract

In this paper we introduce  $p$ -Ferrer diagram, note that  $1$ -Ferrer diagram are the usual Ferrer diagrams or Ferrer board, and corresponds to planar partitions. To any  $p$ -Ferrer diagram we associate a  $p$ -Ferrer ideal. We prove that  $p$ -Ferrer ideal have Castelnuovo Mumford regularity  $p+1$ . We also study Betti numbers, minimal resolutions of  $p$ -Ferrer ideals. Every  $p$ -Ferrer ideal is  $p$ -joined ideals in a sense defined in a forthcoming paper [M], which extends the notion of linearly joined ideals introduced and developed in the papers [BM2], [BM4], [EGHP] and [M]. We can observe the connection between the results on this paper about the Poincaré series of a  $p$ -Ferrer diagram  $\Phi$  and the rook problem, which consist to put  $k$  rooks in a non attacking position on the  $p$ -Ferrer diagram  $\Phi$ .

## 1 Introduction

We recall that any non trivial ideal  $\mathcal{I} \subset S$  has a finite free resolution :

$$0 \rightarrow F_s \xrightarrow{M_s} F_{s-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \xrightarrow{M_1} \mathcal{I} \rightarrow 0$$

the number  $s$  is called the projective dimension of  $S/\mathcal{I}$  and the Betti numbers are defined by  $\beta_i(\mathcal{I}) = \beta_{i+1}(S/\mathcal{I}) = \text{rank } F_{i+1}$ . By the theorem of Auslander and Buchsbaum we know that  $s = \dim S - \text{depth}(S/\mathcal{I})$ . We will say that the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  has a pure resolution if  $F_i = S^{\beta_i}(-a_i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, s$ . This means that  $\mathcal{I}$  is generated by elements in degree  $a_1$ , and for  $i \geq 2$  the matrices  $M_i$  in the minimal free resolution of  $\mathcal{I}$  have homogeneous entries of degree  $a_i - a_{i-1}$ .

We will say that the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  has a  $p$ -linear resolution if its minimal free resolution is linear, i.e.  $\mathcal{I}$  has a pure resolution and for  $i \geq 2$  the matrices  $M_i$  have linear entries.

If  $\mathcal{I}$  has a pure resolution, then the Hilbert series of  $S/\mathcal{I}$  is given by:

$$H_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t) = \frac{1 - \beta_1 t^{a_1} + \dots + (-1)^s \beta_s t^{a_s}}{(1-t)^n}$$

where  $n = \dim S$ . Since  $a_1 < \dots < a_s$  it follows that if  $\mathcal{I}$  has a pure resolution then the Betti numbers are determined by the Hilbert series.

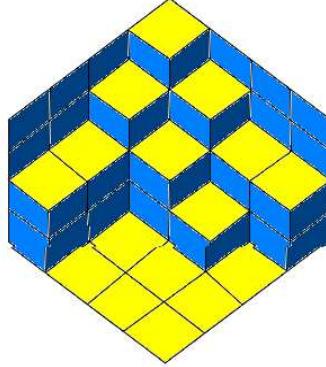
**$p$ -Ferrer partitions and diagrams.** The  $1$ -Ferrer partition is a nonzero natural integer  $\lambda$ , a  $2$ -Ferrer partition is called a partition and is given by a sequence  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m > 0$

of natural integers, a 3–Ferrer partition is called planar partition.  $p$ –Ferrer partitions are defined inductively  $\Phi : \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$ , where  $\lambda_j$  is a  $p-1$ Ferrer partition for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , and the relation  $\leq$  is also defined recursively: if  $\lambda_i : \lambda_{i,1} \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{i,s}, \lambda_{i+1} : \lambda_{i+1,1} \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{i+1,s'}$  we will say that  $\lambda_i \geq \lambda_{i+1}$  if and only if  $s \geq s'$  and  $\lambda_{i,j} \geq \lambda_{i+1,j}$  for any  $j = 1, \dots, s'$ . Up to my knowledge there are very few results for  $p$ –Ferrer partitions in bigger dimensions.

To any  $p$ –Ferrer partition we associate a  $p$ –Ferrer diagram which are subsets of  $\mathbb{N}^p$ . The 1-Ferrer diagram associated to  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$  is the subset  $\{1, \dots, \lambda\}$ . Inductively if  $\Phi : \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$ , is a  $p$ –Ferrer partition, where  $\lambda_j$  is a  $p-1$ -Ferrer partition for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , we associate to  $\Phi$  the  $p$ –Ferrer diagram  $\Phi = \{(\eta, 1), \eta \in \lambda_1\} \cup \dots \cup \{(\eta, m), \eta \in \lambda_m\}$ . Ferrer  $p$ –diagrams can also be represented by a set of boxes labelled by a  $p$ –uple  $(i_1, \dots, i_p)$  of non zero natural numbers, they have the property that if  $1 \leq i'_1 \leq i_1, \dots, 1 \leq i'_p \leq i_p$ , then the box labelled  $(i'_1, \dots, i'_p)$  is also in the  $p$ –Ferrer diagram. We can see that for two Ferrer diagrams:  $\Phi_1 \geq \Phi_2$  if and only if the set of boxes of  $\Phi_1$  contains the set of boxes of  $\Phi_2$ .

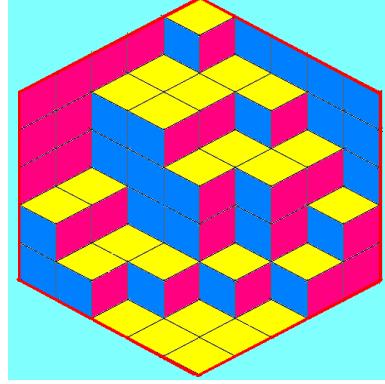
**Example 1** The following picture corresponds to the 3–Ferrer diagram given by:

$$\begin{matrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$



**Example 2** The following picture corresponds to the 3–Ferrer diagram given by:

$$\begin{matrix} 5 & 4 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$



**Definition 1** Given a  $p$ -Ferrer diagram (or partition)  $\Phi$  we can associate a monomial ideal  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  in the following way. Let consider the polynomial ring  $K[\underline{x}^{(1)}, \underline{x}^{(2)}, \dots, \underline{x}^{(p)}]$  where  $\underline{x}^{(i)}$  stands for the infinitely set of variables  $\underline{x}^{(i)} = \{x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, \dots\}$ , we define inductively the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$

1. For  $q = 2$  let  $\Phi : \lambda \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , then  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  is the ideal generated by the variables  $x_1^{(1)}, x_2^{(1)}, \dots, x_\lambda^{(1)}$ .
2. For  $q = 2$  let  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$  be a 2-Ferrer diagram, then  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  is an ideal in the ring of polynomials  $K[x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_{\lambda_1}]$  generated by the monomials  $x_i y_j$  such that  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, \dots, \lambda_i$ . In this case  $x_j^{(1)} = y_j, x_j^{(2)} = x_i$ .
3. For  $p > 2$  let  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$  be a Ferrer diagram, where  $\lambda_j$  is a  $p - 1$ Ferrer diagram. Let  $\mathcal{I}_{\lambda_j} \subset K[\Lambda]$  be the ideal associated to  $\lambda_j$ , where  $K[\Lambda]$  s a polynomial ring in a finite set of variables then  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  is an ideal in the ring of polynomials  $K[x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_m^{(p)}, \Lambda]$  generated by the monomials  $x_i^{(p)} y_j$  such that  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $y_j \in \mathcal{I}_{\lambda_i}$ . That is

$$\mathcal{I}_\Phi = \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^m \{x_i^{(p)}\} \times \mathcal{I}_{\lambda_i} \right).$$

We can observe the connection between the results on this paper about the Poincaré series of a  $p$ -Ferrer diagram  $\Phi$  and the rook problem, which consist to put  $k$  rooks in a non attacking position on the  $p$ -Ferrer diagram  $\Phi$ . This will be developed in a forthcoming paper.

## 2 $p$ -Ferrer' ideals

**Lemma 1** Let  $S$  be a polynomial ring,  $\Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_r$  be non empty disjoint sets of variables, set  $\mathcal{A}_i$  the ideal generated by  $\Gamma_{i+1}, \dots, \Gamma_r$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{B}_r$  be a sequence of ideals (not necessarily distinct), generated by the sets  $B_2 \subset \dots \subset B_r$ . We assume that no variable of  $\Gamma_2 \cup \dots \cup \Gamma_r$  appears in  $B_2, \dots, B_r$ , then

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \cap (\mathcal{A}_2, \mathcal{B}_2) \cap \dots \cap (\mathcal{B}_r) = \left( \bigcup_2^r \Gamma_i \times B_i \right)$$

where for two subsets  $A, B \subset S$ , we have set  $A \times B = \{a b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ .

**Proof** Let remark that if  $\Gamma$  is a set of variables and  $P \subset S$  is a set of polynomials such that no variable of  $\Gamma$  appears in the elements of  $P$  then  $(\Gamma) \cap (P) = (\Gamma \times P)$ . Moreover if  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  are disjoint sets of variables and  $P \subset S$  is a set of polynomials such that no variable of  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  appears in the elements of  $P$  then  $(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2) \cap (\Gamma_1, P) = (\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \times P)$ .

We prove by induction on the number  $k$  the following statement:

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \cap (\mathcal{A}_2, \mathcal{B}_2) \cap \dots \cap (\mathcal{A}_k, \mathcal{B}_k) = (\mathcal{A}_k, \bigcup_2^k \Gamma_i \times B_i).$$

If  $k = 2$ , it is clear that  $\Gamma_2 \times B_2 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \cap (\mathcal{A}_2, \mathcal{B}_2)$ , now let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_1 \cap (\mathcal{A}_2, \mathcal{B}_2)$ , we can write  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1 \in (\mathcal{A}_2)$ ,  $f_2 \in (\Gamma_2)$  and no variable of  $\mathcal{A}_2$  appears in  $f_2$ , it follows that  $f_2 \in (\Gamma_2) \cap (B_2) = (\Gamma_2 \times B_2)$ .

Suppose that

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \cap (\mathcal{A}_2, \mathcal{B}_2) \cap \dots \cap (\mathcal{A}_k, \mathcal{B}_k) = (\mathcal{A}_k, \bigcup_2^k \Gamma_i \times B_i),$$

we will prove that

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \cap (\mathcal{A}_2, \mathcal{B}_2) \cap \dots \cap (\mathcal{A}_{k+1}, \mathcal{B}_{k+1}) = (\mathcal{A}_{k+1}, \bigcup_2^{k+1} \Gamma_i \times B_i).$$

Since  $\Gamma_i \subset \mathcal{A}_j$ , for  $j < i$ , and  $B_i \subset B_j$  for  $i \leq j$ , we have  $\bigcup_2^{k+1} \Gamma_i \times B_i \subset (\mathcal{A}_j, \mathcal{B}_j)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , so we have the inclusion " $\supset$ ".

By induction hypothesis we have that

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \cap (\mathcal{A}_2, \mathcal{B}_2) \cap \dots \cap (\mathcal{A}_{k+1}, \mathcal{B}_{k+1}) = (\mathcal{A}_k, \bigcup_2^k \Gamma_i \times B_i) \cap (\mathcal{A}_{k+1}, \mathcal{B}_{k+1}).$$

Now let  $f \in (\mathcal{A}_k, \bigcup_2^k \Gamma_i \times B_i) \cap (\mathcal{A}_{k+1}, \mathcal{B}_{k+1})$ . we can write  $f = f_1 + f_2 + f_3$ , where  $f_3 \in (\bigcup_2^k \Gamma_i \times B_i) \subset \mathcal{B}_{k+1}$ ,  $f_1 \in \mathcal{A}_{k+1}$ , and  $f_2 \in (\Gamma_{k+1})$ , and no variable of  $\Gamma_{k+1} \cup \dots \cup \Gamma_r$  appears in  $f_2$ , this would imply that  $f_2 \in (\Gamma_{k+1}) \cap \mathcal{B}_{k+1} = (\Gamma_{k+1} \times B_{k+1})$ .

**Definition 2** Let  $\lambda_{m+1} = 0, \delta_0 = 0, \delta_1$  be the highest integer such that  $\lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_{\delta_1}$ , and by induction we define  $\delta_{i+1}$  as the highest integer such that  $\lambda_{\delta_i+1} = \dots = \lambda_{\delta_{i+1}}$ , and set  $l$  such that  $\delta_{l-1} = m$ . For  $i = 0, \dots, l-2$  let

$$\Delta_{l-i} = \{x_{\delta_i+1}^{(p)}, \dots, x_{\delta_{i+1}}^{(p)}\}, \mathcal{P}_{l-i} = \mathcal{I}_{\lambda_{\delta_{i+1}}}.$$

So we have:  $\Phi = \{(\eta, 1), \eta \in \lambda_1\} \cup \dots \cup \{(\eta, m), \eta \in \lambda_m\}$  and

$$\mathcal{I}_\Phi = \left( \bigcup_{i=2}^l \Delta_i \times P_i \right) = \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^m \{x_i^{(p)}\} \times \mathcal{I}_{\lambda_i} \right).$$

where for all  $i$ ,  $P_i$  is a set of generators of  $\mathcal{P}_i$ .

The following Proposition is an immediate consequence of the above lemma :

**Proposition 1**    1. *We have the following decomposition (probably redundant):*

$$\mathcal{I}_\Phi = (x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_m^{(p)}) \cap (x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_{m-1}^{(p)}, \mathcal{I}_{\lambda_m}) \dots \cap (x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{(p)}, \mathcal{I}_{\lambda_i}) \cap \dots (\mathcal{I}_{\lambda_m}),$$

2. Let  $\mathcal{D}_i = (\bigcup_{j=i+1}^l \Delta_j)$ , and  $\mathcal{Q}_i = (\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{P}_i)$ . Then

$$\mathcal{I}_\Phi = \mathcal{Q}_1 \cap \mathcal{Q}_2 \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{Q}_l.$$

3. *The minimal primary decomposition of  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  is obtained inductively. Let  $\mathcal{I}_{\lambda_{\delta_i}} = \mathcal{Q}_1^{(i)} \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{Q}_{r_i}^{(i)}$  be a minimal prime decomposition, where by induction hypothesis  $\mathcal{Q}_j^{(i)}$  is a linear ideal, then the minimal prime decomposition of  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  is obtained from this decomposition by putting out unnecessary components.*

**Example 3** let  $\mathcal{P}_2 = (c, d) \cap (e)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_3 = (c, d) \cap (c, e) \cap (e, f)$  and

$$\mathcal{I}_\Phi = (a, b) \cap (a, \mathcal{P}_2) \cap \mathcal{P}_3$$

then

$$\mathcal{I}_\Phi = (a, b) \cap (a, e) \cap (c, d) \cap (c, e) \cap (e, f)$$

is its minimal prime decomposition.

**Proposition 2** Let  $\mathcal{I} \subset R$  be a  $p$ -Ferrer ideal then  $\text{reg}(\mathcal{I}) = p = \text{reg}(R/\mathcal{I}) + 1$ .

**Proof** For any two ideals  $\mathcal{J}_1, \mathcal{J}_2 \subset S$  we have the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow S/\mathcal{J}_1 \cap \mathcal{J}_2 \rightarrow S/\mathcal{J}_1 \oplus S/\mathcal{J}_2 \rightarrow S/(\mathcal{J}_1 + \mathcal{J}_2) \rightarrow 0$$

From [B-S, p. 289]

$$\text{reg}(S/\mathcal{J}_1 \cap \mathcal{J}_2) \leq \max\{\text{reg}(S/\mathcal{J}_1 \oplus S/\mathcal{J}_2), \text{reg}(S/(\mathcal{J}_1 + \mathcal{J}_2)) + 1\}$$

in our case we take  $\mathcal{J}_1 = \bigcap_{i=1}^k \mathcal{Q}_i$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_2 = \mathcal{Q}_{k+1}$ , so that  $\text{reg}(S/(\bigcap_{i=1}^k \mathcal{Q}_i + \mathcal{Q}_{k+1})) = \text{reg}(S/(\mathcal{D}_k + \mathcal{P}_{k+1})) = \text{reg}(S'/(P_{k+1})) = p - 1$ , where  $S = S'[\mathcal{D}_k]$ . It then follows that  $\text{reg}(S/(\bigcap_{i=1}^l \mathcal{Q}_i)) \leq p$ , on the other hand  $(\bigcap_{i=1}^l \mathcal{Q}_i)$  is generated by elements of degree  $p$ , this implies  $\text{reg}(S/(\bigcap_{i=1}^l \mathcal{Q}_i)) = p$ .

We will show that in fact  $\text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_\lambda)$  is the number of diagonals in a  $p$ -Ferrer diagram.

**Definition 3** Let  $\Phi : \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$  be a  $p$ -Ferrer diagram. We will say that the monomial in the  $p$ -Ferrer ideal (or diagram)  $x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)}$  is in the  $\alpha_p + \alpha_{p-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 - p+1$  diagonal. Let  $s_\Phi(k)$  be the number of elements in the  $k$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$ , we will say that the  $k$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$  is full if  $s_\Phi(k) = \binom{k-1+p-1}{p-1}$ , which is the number of elements in the  $k$ -diagonal of  $\mathbb{N}^p$ , let remark that by the definition of  $p$ -Ferrer diagram if the  $k$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$  is full then the  $j$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$  is full for all  $j = 1, \dots, k$ .

**Lemma 2** 1. We have the formula

$$s_\Phi(k) = \sum_{i=1}^m s_{\lambda_i}(k - (i-1)),$$

2. Let  $df(\Phi)$  be the number of full diagonals of  $\Phi$ , then

$$df(\Phi) = \min\{df(\lambda_i) + i - 1 \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$$

3. Let  $\delta(\Phi)$  be the number of diagonals of  $\Phi$ , then

$$\delta(\Phi) = \max\{\delta(\lambda_i) + i - 1 \mid i = 1, \dots, m\},$$

and  $\delta(\Phi) = \max_{i=2}^l \{\delta(\mathcal{P}_i) + \dim \mathcal{D}_{i-1} - 1\}$ .

**Proof** The first item counts the number of elements in the  $k$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$  by counting all the  $i$ -slice pieces. The second item means that the  $k$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$  is full if and only if the  $k - (i-1)$ -diagonal of the  $i$ -slice piece is full, and finally the third item means there is an element in the  $k$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$  if and only if there is at least one element in the  $k - (i-1)$ -diagonal of the  $i$ -slide piece of  $\Phi$ , for some  $i$ .

Remark that  $\delta(\Phi) = \max_{i=2}^l \{\delta(\mathcal{P}_i) + \dim \mathcal{D}_{i-1} - 1\}$ , since  $\max_{i=1}^{\delta_1} \{\delta(\lambda_i) + i - 1\} = \delta(\lambda_1) + \delta_1 - 1 = \delta(\mathcal{P}_l) + \dim \mathcal{D}_{l-1} - 1$ ,  $\max_{i=\delta_1+1}^{\delta_2} \{\delta(\lambda_i) + i - 1\} = \delta(\lambda_{\delta_1+1}) + \delta_1 + \delta_2 - 1 = \delta(\mathcal{P}_{l-1}) + \dim \mathcal{D}_{l-2} - 1$ , and so on.

**Theorem 1** Let consider a  $p$ -Ferrer diagram  $\Phi$  and its associated ideal  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  in a polynomial ring  $S$ . Let  $n = \dim S, c = \text{ht } \mathcal{I}_\Phi, d = n - c$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, d - \text{depth } S/\mathcal{I}$ , let  $s_{d-i}$  be the numbers of elements in the  $c+i$  diagonal of  $\Phi$ . Then :

1.  $c$  the height of  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  is equal to the number of full diagonals.

2. For  $j \geq 1$  we have

$$\beta_j(S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = \binom{c+p-1}{j+p-1} \binom{j+p-2}{p-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i \binom{n-i-1}{j-1}$$

3.  $\text{projdim } (S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = \delta(\Phi)$ .

**Proof**

1. We prove the statement by induction on  $p$ , if  $p = 1$  and  $\Phi = \lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi = (x_1, \dots, x_\lambda)$  is an ideal of height  $\lambda$  and  $df(\lambda) = \lambda$ . Now let  $p \geq 2$ , since

$$\mathcal{I}_\Phi = (x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_m^{(p)}) \cap (x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_{m-1}^{(p)}, \mathcal{I}_{\lambda_m}) \dots \cap (x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{(p)}, \mathcal{I}_{\lambda_i}) \cap \dots (\mathcal{I}_{\lambda_m}),$$

we have that

$$\text{ht}\mathcal{I}_\Phi = \min\{\text{ht}\mathcal{I}_{\lambda_i} + i - 1\},$$

by induction hypothesis  $\text{ht}\mathcal{I}_{\lambda_i} = df(\lambda_i)$  so

$$\text{ht}\mathcal{I}_\Phi = \min\{df(\lambda_i) + i - 1\} = df(\Phi).$$

2. The proof is by induction on the number of generators  $\mu(\mathcal{I}_\Phi)$  of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$ . The statement is clear if  $\mu(\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = 1$ .

Suppose that  $\mu(\mathcal{I}_\Phi) > 1$ . Let  $\pi$  be a generator of  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  being in the last diagonal of  $\Phi$ , so we can write  $\pi = x_i^{(p)}g$  for some  $i$ , where  $g \in \mathcal{I}_{\lambda_i}$  is in the last diagonal of  $\lambda_i$ . By definition of a  $p$ -Ferrer tableau, the ideal generated by all the generators of  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  except  $x_i^{(p)}g$  is a  $p$ -Ferrer ideal and we denoted it by  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}$ .

In the example 1 we can perform several steps :

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$\Phi$                      $\Phi'$                      $\Phi''$                      $\Phi'''$

let denote  $\alpha_p := i$ , so that

$$x_i^{(p)}g = x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)}x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)}$$

For any  $k$  and  $1 \leq \beta < \alpha_k$  we have that  $x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)}x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\beta}^{(k)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)} \in \mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}$ , so we have that

$$(\{x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_{\alpha_p-1}^{(p)}\}, \dots, \{x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_{\alpha_1-1}^{(1)}\}) \subset \mathcal{I}_{\Phi'} : x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)}.$$

On the other hand let  $\Pi \in \mathcal{I}_{\Phi'} : x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)}$  a monomial, we can suppose that no variable in  $(\{x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_{\alpha_p-1}^{(p)}\}, \dots, \{x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_{\alpha_1-1}^{(1)}\})$  appears in  $\Pi$ , so  $\Pi x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)} \in \mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}$  implies that there is a generator of  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}$  of the type  $x_{\beta_p}^{(p)} \dots x_{\beta_1}^{(1)}$  such that  $\beta_i \geq \alpha_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , this is in contradiction with the fact that  $x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)}x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)}$  is in the last diagonal of  $\Phi$  and doesn't belongs to  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}$ . In conclusion we have that

$$\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'} : x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)} = (\{x_1^{(p)}, \dots, x_{\alpha_p-1}^{(p)}\}, \dots, \{x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_{\alpha_1-1}^{(1)}\})$$

is a linear ideal generated by  $\alpha_p + \dots + \alpha_1 - (p)$  variables. Let remark that since  $x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)}$  is in the last diagonal the number of diagonals  $\delta(\Phi)$  in  $\Phi$  is  $\alpha_p + \dots + \alpha_1 - p + 1$ .

We have the following exact sequence :

$$0 \rightarrow S/(\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'} : (x_i^{(p)} g))(-p) \xrightarrow{\times x_i^{(p)} g} S/(\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}) \rightarrow S/(\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}) \rightarrow 0,$$

by applying the mapping cone construction we have that

$$\beta_j(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}) = \beta_j(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}) + \binom{\delta(\Phi) - 1}{j-1}, \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}).$$

By induction hypothesis the number of diagonals in  $\Phi'$  coincides with  $\text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'})$ . The number of diagonals in  $\Phi'$  is either equal to the number of diagonals in  $\Phi$  minus one, or equal to the number of diagonals in  $\Phi$ . In both cases we have that  $s_i(\Phi) = s_i(\Phi')$  for  $i = d-1, \dots, n - (\delta(\Phi) - 1)$ ,  $s_{n-(\delta(\Phi))}(\Phi') = s_{n-(\delta(\Phi))}(\Phi) - 1$ , and  $s_i(\Phi) = s_i(\Phi') = 0$  for  $i < n - (\delta(\Phi))$ .

Let  $c' = \text{ht}\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}$ , It then follows that

$$\beta_j(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}) = \binom{c' + p - 1}{j + p - 1} \binom{j + p - 2}{p - 1} + \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i(\Phi') \binom{n - i - 1}{j - 1}, \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}).$$

By induction hypothesis  $\text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}) = \delta(\Phi')$ . We have to consider two cases:

(a)  $\delta(\Phi) = c$ , this case can arrive only if the  $c$  diagonal of  $\Phi$  is full, so

$$\begin{aligned} c' = c - 1, \quad s_{n-c}(\Phi') &= \binom{c - 1 + p - 1}{p - 1} - 1, \quad \delta(\Phi) = \delta(\Phi') = c \\ \forall 1 \leq j \leq c, \quad \beta_j(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}) &= \beta_j(c-1, p) + \left( \binom{c - 1 + p - 1}{p - 1} - 1 \right) \binom{c - 1}{j - 1} + \binom{c - 1}{j - 1}. \\ \forall 1 \leq j \leq c, \quad \beta_j(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}) &= \beta_j(c-1, p) + \binom{c - 1 + p - 1}{p - 1} \binom{c - 1}{j - 1} = \beta_j(c, p). \end{aligned}$$

Let remark that by induction hypothesis  $\beta_j(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}) = 0$  for  $j > c$ , this implies that  $\text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}) = c = \delta(\Phi)$ .

(b)  $\delta(\Phi) > c$ , in this case  $c' = c$

$$\beta_j(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}) = \binom{c + p - 1}{j + p - 1} \binom{j + p - 2}{p - 1} + \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i(\Phi) \binom{n - i - 1}{j - 1}$$

and  $\text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}) = \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'})$  equals the number of diagonals in  $\Phi$ .

In particular it follows that if the number of diagonals in  $\Phi'$  is equal to the number of diagonals in  $\Phi$  minus one,  $\text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'}) + 1$  is the number of diagonals in  $\Phi$ . If the number of diagonals in  $\Phi'$  is equal to the number of diagonals in  $\Phi$ , then  $\text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi'})$  equals the number of diagonals in  $\Phi$ .

**Proposition 3**  $\text{ara}(\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = \text{cd}(\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi)$ .

**Proof** Recall that a monomial in the  $p$ -Ferrer ideal (or tableau)  $x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)}$  is in the  $\alpha_p + \alpha_{p-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 - p + 1$  diagonal. Let  $\mathcal{K}_j$  the set of all monomials in the Ferrer tableau lying in the  $j$  diagonal and let  $F_j = \sum_{M \in \mathcal{K}_j} M$ , we will prove that for any  $M \in \mathcal{K}_j$ , we have  $M^2 \in (F_1, \dots, F_j)$ . If  $j = 2$ , let  $M = x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)}$ , with  $\alpha_p + \alpha_{p-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 - p + 1 = 2$ , then

$$MF_2 = M^2 + \sum(x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)})M'$$

One monomial  $M' \in \mathcal{K}_2$ ,  $M' \neq M$  can be written

$$x_{\beta_p}^{(p)} x_{\beta_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\beta_1}^{(1)}$$

with  $\beta_p + \beta_{p-1} + \dots + \beta_1 - p + 1 = 2$ , this implies that  $\beta_i = 1$  for all  $i$  except one value  $i_0$ , for which  $\beta_{i_0} = 2$  and also  $\alpha_j = 1$  for all  $j$  except one value  $j_0$ , for which  $\alpha_{j_0} = 2$ . Since  $M' \neq M$  we must have  $x_1^{(P)} x_1^{(p-1)} \dots x_1^{(1)}$  divides  $MM'$ .

Now let  $j \geq 3$ , let  $M = x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)}$ , with  $\alpha_p + \alpha_{p-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 - p + 1 = j$ , then

$$MF_2 = M^2 + \sum(x_{\alpha_p}^{(p)} x_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\alpha_1}^{(1)})M'$$

One monomial  $M' \in \mathcal{K}_j$ ,  $M' \neq M$  can be written

$$x_{\beta_p}^{(p)} x_{\beta_{p-1}}^{(p-1)} \dots x_{\beta_1}^{(1)}$$

with  $\beta_p + \beta_{p-1} + \dots + \beta_1 - p + 1 = j$ , let  $i_0$  such that  $\beta_{i_0} \neq \alpha_{i_0}$  if  $\beta_{i_0} < \alpha_{i_0}$  then  $\frac{M}{x_{\alpha_{i_0}}^{(i_0)}} x_{\beta_{i_0}}^{(i_0)} \in K_i$  for some  $i < j$ , and if  $\beta_{i_0} > \alpha_{i_0}$  then  $\frac{M'}{x_{\beta_{i_0}}^{(i_0)}} x_{\alpha_{i_0}}^{(i_0)} \in K_i$  for some  $i < j$ , in both cases

$MM' \in (K_i)$  for some  $i < j$ . As a consequence  $\text{ara}(\mathcal{I}_\Phi) \leq \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi)$ , but  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  is a monomial ideal, so by a Theorem of Lyubeznik  $\text{cd}(\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi)$ , and  $\text{cd}(\mathcal{I}_\Phi) \leq \text{ara}(\mathcal{I}_\Phi)$ , so we have the equality  $\text{ara}(\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi)$ . Let remark that the equality  $\text{cd}(\mathcal{I}_\Phi) = \text{projdim}(S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi)$  can be recovered by direct computations in the case of  $p$ -Ferrer ideals.

The reader should consider the relation between our theorem and the following result from [EG]:

**Proposition 4** If  $R := S/\mathcal{I}$  is a homogeneous ring with  $p$ -linear resolution over an infinite field, and  $x_i \in R_1$  are elements such that  $x_{i+1}$  is a non zero divisor on  $(R/(x_1, \dots, x_i))/H_{\mathbf{m}}^0(R/(x_1, \dots, x_i))$ , where  $\mathbf{m}$  is the unique homogeneous maximal ideal of  $S$ , then

1.  $s_i(R) = \text{length}(H_{\mathbf{m}}^0(R/(x_1, \dots, x_i)_{p-1}))$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, \dim R - 1$ .
2. If  $R$  is of codimension  $c$ , and  $n := \dim S$ , the Betti numbers of  $R$  are given by:

$$\text{for } j = 1, \dots, n - \text{depth}(R) \quad \beta_j(R) = \beta_j(c, p) + \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i \binom{n-i-1}{j-1},$$

where  $\beta_j(c, p) = \binom{c+p-1}{j+p-1} \binom{j+p-2}{p-1}$  are the betti numbers of a Cohen-Macaulay ring having  $p$ -linear resolution, of codimension  $c$ .

We have the following corollary:

**Corollary 1** If  $R := S/\mathcal{I}$  is a homogeneous ring with  $p$ -linear resolution over an infinite field, of codimension  $c$ , and  $n := \dim S$ , then

$$\beta_j(c, p) \leq \beta_j(R) \leq \beta_j(n - \text{depth}(R), p).$$

**Proof** As a consequence of the above proposition we have that  $s_i \leq \binom{n-(i+1)+p-1}{p-1}$  so that

$$\beta_j(c, p) \leq \beta_j(R) \leq \beta_j(c, p) + \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \binom{n-(i+1)+p-1}{p-1} \binom{n-i-1}{j-1}$$

By direct computations we have that  $\beta_j(c, p) + \binom{n-d+p-1}{p-1} \binom{n-d}{j\ell-1} = \beta_j(c+1, p)$ , which implies

$$\beta_j(c, p) \leq \beta_j(R) \leq \beta_j(c+1, p) + \sum_{i=0}^{d-2} \binom{n-(i+1)+p-1}{p-1} \binom{n-i-1}{j-1},$$

by repeating the above computations we got the corollary.

### 3 Hilbert series of ideals with $p$ -linear resolution.

Let  $\mathcal{I} \subset S$  be an ideal with  $p$ -linear resolution, it follows from [EG], that the Hilbert series of  $S/\mathcal{I}$  is given by

$$H_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \binom{c+i-1}{i} t^i - t^p \left( \sum_{i=1}^d s_{d-i} (1-t)^{i-1} \right)}{(1-t)^d}$$

where  $d = n - c$ . In the case where the ring  $S/\mathcal{I}$  is Cohen-Macaulay, we have :

$$H_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \binom{c+i-1}{i} t^i}{(1-t)^d}$$

**Definition 4** For any non zero natural numbers  $c, p$ , we set

$$h(c, p)(t) := \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \binom{c+i-1}{i} t^i.$$

Remark that the  $h$ -vector of the polynomial  $h(c, p)(t)$  is log concave, since for  $i = 0, \dots, p-3$ , we have that

$$\binom{c+i-1}{i} \binom{c+i+1}{i+2} \leq (\binom{c+i}{i+1})^2.$$

**Lemma 3** For any non zero natural numbers  $c, p$ , we have the relation

$$1 - h(c, p)(1-t)t^c = h(p, c)(t)(1-t)^p,$$

in particular  $h(c, p)(t) (1-t)^c = 1 - h(p, c)(1-t) t^p$ ,  $h(c, p)(t) (1-t)^c \equiv 1 \pmod{t^p}$ .

**Proof** Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a square free monomial ideal having a  $p$ -linear resolution, such that  $S/\mathcal{I}$  is a Cohen-Macaulay ring of codimension  $c$ , let  $\mathcal{J} := \mathcal{I}^*$  be the Alexander dual of  $\mathcal{I}$ , it then follows that  $S/\mathcal{J}$  is a Cohen-Macaulay ring of codimension  $p$  which has a  $c$ -linear resolution.

$$H_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t) = \frac{h(c, p)(t)}{(1-t)^{n-c}} = \frac{1 - B_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t)}{(1-t)^n}$$

$$H_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t) = \frac{h(p, c)(t)}{(1-t)^{n-p}} = \frac{1 - B_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t)}{(1-t)^n}$$

and by Alexander duality on the Hilbert series we have that :  $1 - B_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t) = B_{S/\mathcal{J}}(1-t)$  but  $h(c, p)(t)(1-t)^c = 1 - B_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t)$  and  $h(p, c)(t)(1-t)^p = 1 - B_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t)$ , so  $B_{S/\mathcal{J}}(1-t) = 1 - h(p, c)(1-t)t^p$ , so our claim follows from these identities.

**Corollary 2** Let  $\mathcal{I} \subset S$  be any homogeneous ideal,  $c = \text{ht}(\mathcal{I})$ ,  $d = n - c$  and  $p$  the smallest degree of a set of generators. Then we can write  $H_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t)$  as follows

$$H_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t) = \frac{h(c, p)(t) - t^p \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\delta(\mathcal{I})} s_{\delta(\mathcal{I})-i} (1-t)^{i-1} \right)}{(1-t)^d},$$

where the numbers  $s_0, \dots, s_{\delta(\mathcal{I})-1}$  are uniquely determined.

1. Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be a square free monomial ideal such that  $S/\mathcal{J}$  is a Cohen-Macaulay ring of codimension  $p$ , let  $\mathcal{I} := \mathcal{J}^*$  be the Alexander dual of  $\mathcal{J}$ , it then follows that  $S/\mathcal{I}$  has a  $p$ -linear resolution. Let  $c = \text{codim}(S/\mathcal{I})$ . Then

$$H_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t) = \frac{h(c, p)(t) - t^p \left( \sum_{i=1}^d s_{d-i} (1-t)^{i-1} \right)}{(1-t)^{n-c}},$$

$$H_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t) = \frac{h(p, c)(t) + t^c \left( \sum_{i=1}^d s_{d-i} t^{i-1} \right)}{(1-t)^{n-p}}$$

2. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be any square free monomial ideal  $c = \text{codim}(S/\mathcal{I})$ ,  $p$  the smallest degree of a set of generators of  $\mathcal{I}$ . Let  $\mathcal{J} := \mathcal{I}^*$  be the Alexander dual of  $\mathcal{I}$ , then  $p = \text{codim}(S/\mathcal{J})$ ,  $c$  is the smallest degree of a set of generators of  $\mathcal{J}$  and

$$H_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t) = \frac{h(c, p)(t) - t^p \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\delta(\mathcal{I})} s_{\delta(\mathcal{I})-i} (1-t)^{i-1} \right)}{(1-t)^{n-c}},$$

$$H_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t) = \frac{h(p, c)(t) + t^c \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\delta(\mathcal{I})} s_{\delta(\mathcal{I})-i} t^{i-1} \right)}{(1-t)^{n-p}}.$$

**Proof** Since  $1, t, \dots, t^p, t^p(1-t), \dots, t^p(1-t)^k, \dots$ , are linearly independent the numbers  $s_i$  are uniquely defined.

$$H_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t) = \frac{h_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t)}{(1-t)^{n-c}} = \frac{1 - B_{S/\mathcal{I}}(t)}{(1-t)^n}$$

$$H_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t) = \frac{h_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t)}{(1-t)^{n-p}} = \frac{1 - B_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t)}{(1-t)^n}$$

by Alexander duality on the Hilbert series we have that :

$$B_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t) = 1 - B_{S/\mathcal{I}}(1-t) = (h(c, p)(1-t) - (1-t)^p \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\delta(\mathcal{I})} s_{\delta(\mathcal{I})-i} t^{i-1} \right)) t^c,$$

but  $h(c, p)(1-t)t^c = 1 - h(p, c)(t) (1-t)^p$ , so

$$1 - B_{S/\mathcal{J}}(t) = (h(p, c)(t) + t^c \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\delta(\mathcal{I})} s_{\delta(\mathcal{I})-i} t^{i-1} \right)) (1-t)^p.$$

This proves the claim.

**Theorem 2**

1. For any  $M$ -vector  $\mathbf{h} = (1, h_1, \dots)$  there exists  $\Phi$  a  $p$ -Ferrer tableau such that  $h_i$  counts the number of elements in the  $i$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$ .
2. the  $h$ -vector of any  $p$ -regular ideal is the  $h$ -vector of a  $p$ -Ferrer ideal.
3. For any  $M$ -vector  $\mathbf{h} = (1, h_1, \dots)$  we can explicitly construct a  $p$ -Ferrer tableau  $\Phi$  such that  $\mathbf{h} = (1, h_1, \dots)$  is the  $h$ -vector of  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi^*$ .

### Proof

1. Let  $\mathbf{h} = (1, h_1, \dots)$  be the  $h$ -vector of  $S/\mathcal{J}$ , by Macaulay, [S] 2.2 theorem  $h$  is obtained as the  $M$ -vector of a multicomplex  $\Gamma$ , where  $h_i$  counts the monomials of degree  $i$  in  $\Gamma$ . We establish a correspondence between multicomplex  $\Gamma$  and  $p$ -Ferrer ideals:

Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a multicomplex in the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , to any monomial  $x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n} \in \Gamma$  we associated the vector  $(\alpha_1 + 1, \dots, \alpha_n + 1) \in (\mathbb{N}^*)^n$ , let  $\Phi$  be the image of  $\Gamma$ . By definition  $\Gamma$  is a multicomplex if and only if for any  $u \in \Gamma$ , and if  $v$  divides  $u$  then  $v \in \Gamma$ , this property is equivalent to the property:

For any  $(\alpha_1 + 1, \dots, \alpha_n + 1) \in \Phi$  and  $(\beta_1 + 1, \dots, \beta_n + 1) \in (\mathbb{N}^*)^n$  such that  $\beta_i \leq \alpha_i$  for all  $i$  then  $(\beta_1 + 1, \dots, \beta_n + 1) \in \Phi$ . That is  $\Phi$  is a  $p$ -Ferrer tableau, such that  $h_i$  counts the number of elements in the  $i$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$ .

2. Let  $\mathcal{I} \subset S$  be any graded ideal with  $p$ -linear resolution, let  $Gin(\mathcal{I})$  be the generic initial, by a theorem of Bayer and Stillman,  $Gin(\mathcal{I})$  has a  $p$ -linear resolution, on the other hand they have the same Hilbert series, and from the remark in the introduction they have the same betti numbers.  $Gin(\mathcal{I})$  is a monomial ideal, we can take the polarisation  $P(Gin(\mathcal{I}))$ , this is a square free monomial having  $p$ -linear resolution and the same betti numbers as  $Gin(\mathcal{I})$ , the Alexander dual  $P(Gin(\mathcal{I}))^*$  is Cohen-Macaulay of codimension  $p$ , so there exists a Ferrer tableau  $\Phi$  such that the  $h$ -vector of  $S/P(Gin(\mathcal{I}))^*$  is the generating function of the diagonals of  $\Phi$ , moreover the  $h$ -vector of  $S/P(Gin(\mathcal{I}))^*$  coincides with the  $h$ -vector of  $S/(\mathcal{I}_\Phi)^*$ . By the above proposition the  $h$ -vector of  $S/P(Gin(\mathcal{I}))^*$  determines uniquely the  $h$ -vector of  $S/P(Gin(\mathcal{I}))$ , and the last one coincides with the  $h$ -vector of  $S/\mathcal{I}_\Phi$ .
3. Let recall from [S] how to associate to a  $M$ -vector  $\mathbf{h} = (1, h_1, \dots, h_l)$  a multicomplex  $\Gamma_\mathbf{h}$ . For all  $i \geq 0$  list all monomials in  $h_1$  variables in reverse lexicographic order, let  $\Gamma_{\mathbf{h},i}$  be set of first  $h_i$  monomials in this order, and  $\Gamma_\mathbf{h} = \bigcup_{i=0}^{l-1} \Gamma_{\mathbf{h},i}$ , in the first item we have associated to a multicomplex a  $p$ -Ferrer tableau  $\Phi$  such that  $h_i$  is the number of elements in the  $i$ -diagonal of  $\Phi$ . By the second item the  $h$ -vector of  $S/(\mathcal{I}_\Phi)^*$  is exactly  $\mathbf{h}$ .

**Example 4** We consider the  $h$ -vector,  $(1, 4, 3, 4, 1)$ , following [S], this  $h$ -vector corresponds to the multicomplex

$$1; x_1, \dots, x_4; x_1^2, x_1 x_2, x_2^2; x_1^3, x_1^2 x_2, x_1 x_2^2, x_3^2; x_1^4,$$

and to the following  $p$ -Ferrer ideal  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  generated by:

$$s_1 t_1 u_1 v_1,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& s_2 t_1 u_1 v_1, s_1 t_2 u_1 v_1, s_1 t_1 u_2 v_1, s_1 t_1 u_1 v_2, \\
& s_3 t_1 u_1 v_1, s_2 t_2 u_1 v_1, s_1 t_3 u_1 v_1, \\
& s_4 t_1 u_1 v_1, s_3 t_2 u_1 v_1, s_2 t_3 u_1 v_1, s_1 t_4 u_1 v_1, \\
& s_5 t_1 u_1 v_1,
\end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{I}_\Phi$  has the following prime decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (v_1, v_2) \cap (u_1, v_1) \cap (s_1, v_1) \cap (t_1, v_1) \cap (u_1, u_2) \cap (s_1, u_1) \cap (t_1, u_1) \cap \\
& \cap (t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) \cap (t_1, t_2 t_3, s_1) \cap (t_1, t_2, s_1, s_2) \cap (s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5)
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathcal{I}_\Phi^*$  is generated by

$$\begin{aligned}
& v_1 v_2, u_1 v_1, s_1 v_1, t_1 v_1, u_1 u_2, s_1 u_1, t_1 u_1, \\
& t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 s_1, t_1 t_2 s_1 s_2, s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4 s_5
\end{aligned}$$

and the  $h$ -vector of  $S/(\mathcal{I}_\Phi)^*$  is  $(1, 4, 3, 4, 1)$ .

## 4 Examples

Let  $S = K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be a polynomial ring. Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , for any element  $P \in S$  we set  $\tilde{P}(x) = P(x_1^\alpha, \dots, x_n^\alpha)$ , more generally for any matrix with entries in  $S$  we set  $\tilde{M}$  be matrix obtained by changing the entry  $P_{i,j}$  of  $M$  to  $\tilde{P}_{i,j}$ .

**Lemma 4** Suppose that

$$F^\bullet : 0 \rightarrow F_s \xrightarrow{M_s} F_{s-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \xrightarrow{M_1} F_0 \rightarrow 0$$

is a minimal free resolution of a graded  $S$ -module  $M$ , then

$$\tilde{F}^\bullet : 0 \rightarrow \tilde{F}_s \xrightarrow{\tilde{M}_s} \tilde{F}_{s-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tilde{F}_1 \xrightarrow{\tilde{M}_1} \tilde{F}_0 \rightarrow 0$$

is a minimal free resolution of a graded  $S$ -module  $\tilde{M}$ . If  $F^\bullet$  is a pure free resolution, that is  $F_i = S^{\beta_i}(-a_i)$  for all  $i = 0, \dots, s$ , then  $\tilde{F}^\bullet$  is also pure and  $\tilde{F}_i = S^{\beta_i}(-a_i \alpha)$  for all  $i = 0, \dots, s$ .

**Corollary 3** 1. Let  $\Phi(p, c)$  be the  $p$ -Ferrer diagram Cohen-Macaulay of codimension  $c$ . Let  $\tilde{\Phi}(p, c)$  be the Ferrer  $p$ -Ferrer diagram obtained from  $\Phi(p, c)$  by dividing any length unit into  $\alpha$  parts, then the Alexander dual  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi(p, c)}^*$  has a pure resolution of type  $(0, c\alpha, \dots, (c+p-1)\alpha)$ .

2. Let consider any sequence  $0 < a_1 < a_2$ , suppose that  $\beta_0 - \beta_1 t^{a_1} + \beta_2 t^{a_2}$  is the Betti polynomial of a Cohen-Macaulay module of codimension 2, then we must have:

$$a_1 = c\alpha, a_2 = (c+1)\alpha, \beta_1 = \frac{a_2}{a_2 - a_1}\beta_0, \beta_2 = \frac{a_1}{a_2 - a_1}\beta_0.$$

if  $a_2 - a_1$  is a factor of  $a_2, a_1$  then we can write

$$a_1 = c\alpha, a_2 = (c+1)\alpha, \beta_1 = (c+1)\beta_0, \beta_2 = c\beta_0,$$

with  $c$  a natural number. In particular a module obtaining by taking  $\beta_0$  copies of  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi(2,c)}^*$ , has a pure resolution of type  $(0, c\alpha, (c+1)\alpha)$ .

**Example 5** Let  $S = K[a, b, c]$ , consider the free resolution of the algebra  $S/(ab, ac, cd)$ :

$$0 \longrightarrow S^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ -d & b \\ 0 & -c \end{pmatrix}} S^3 \xrightarrow{(cd \quad ac \quad ab)} S \longrightarrow 0$$

then we have a pure free resolution

$$0 \longrightarrow S^{2\beta_0} \xrightarrow{M_1} S^{3\beta_0} \xrightarrow{M_0} S^{\beta_0} \longrightarrow 0,$$

where

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a^\alpha & 0 \\ -d^\alpha & b^\alpha \\ 0 & -c^\alpha \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & a & 0 \\ & & -d^\alpha & b^\alpha \\ & & 0 & -c^\alpha \end{pmatrix}, M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} c^\alpha d^\alpha & a^\alpha c^\alpha & a^\alpha b^\alpha \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & cd & a^\alpha c^\alpha & a^\alpha b^\alpha \end{pmatrix},$$

with the obvious notation.

**Example 6** The algebra  $S/(ab, ae, cd, ce, ef)$  has Betti-polynomial  $1 - 5t^2 + 5t^3 - t^5$  but has not pure resolution.

**Example 7 Magic squares** Let  $S$  be a polynomial ring of dimension  $n!$ , It follows from  $[S]$  that the toric ring of  $n \times n$  magic squares is a quotient  $R_{\Phi_n} = S/\mathcal{I}_{\Phi_n}$ , its  $h$ -polynomial is as follows:

$$h_{R_{\Phi_n}}(t) = 1 + h_1 t + \dots + h_l t^l,$$

where  $h_1 = n! - (n-1)^2 - 1$ ,  $d = (n-1)(n-2)$ . If  $n=3$  we have  $h_1 = 1$ ,  $d = 2$ , and there is no relation of degree two between two permutation matrices, but we have a degree three relation. Set

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$M_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

We can see that  $M_1 + M_2 + M_3 = M_4 + M_5 + M_6$ , so this relation gives a degree three generator in  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi_3}$ , and in fact  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi_3}$  is generated by this relation. By using the cubic generators of  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi_3}$  we get cubic generators of  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi_n}$  for  $n \geq 4$ , but we have also quadratic generators, for example :

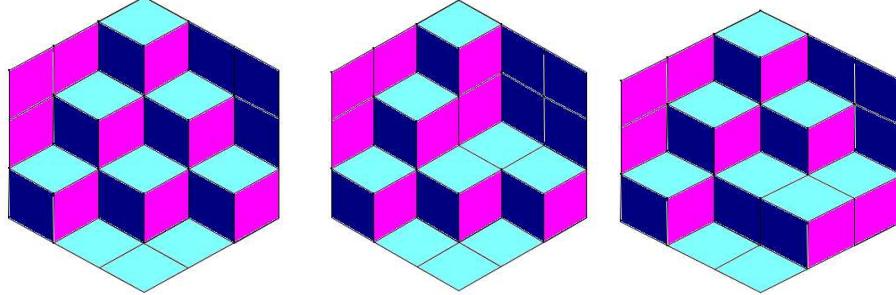
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So for  $n \geq 4$ , the smallest degree of a generator of the toric ideal  $\mathcal{I}_{\Phi_n}$  is of degree 2. and unfortunately our proposition can give only information about  $h_1$ .

**Example 8** The Hilbert series of the following  $p$ -Ferrer tableaux are respectively:

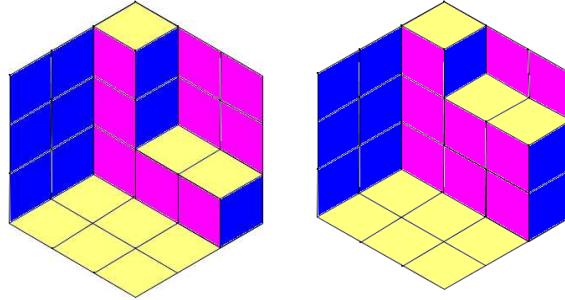
$$\frac{1+3t+6t^2}{(1-t)^6}, \quad \frac{1+2t+3t^2-5t^3}{(1-t)^7}, \quad \frac{1+3t+6t^2-t^3}{(1-t)^6}.$$

$$\text{Let remark that } \frac{1+2t+3t^2-6t^3}{(1-t)^7} = \frac{1+3t+6t^2}{(1-t)^6}.$$



**Example 9** The Hilbert series of the following  $p$ -Ferrer tableaux are respectively:

$$H(t) = \frac{1+t+t^2-t^3(2+2(1-t))}{(1-t)^6}, \quad H(t) = \frac{1+t+t^2-t^3(2+3(1-t)+(1-t)^2)}{(1-t)^6}$$



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